

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-60.

Claim 61. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

(i) a Drosophila Legless (dLgs) protein consisting of amino acid 1 to 1464 of SEQ ID NO:1, or

(ii) a polypeptide having at least 90% amino acid sequence identity to said (i), or

(iii) a fragment of (i) or (ii), wherein said fragment comprises a binding site for an anti-dLgs antibody.

Claim 62. (New) The isolated protein as claimed in Claim 61, wherein said protein (i) is encoded by a nucleotide molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 63. (New) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 61, wherein said fragment has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:8, or SEQ ID NO:10.

Claim 64. (New) A chimeric molecule comprising the polypeptide of Claim 61 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

Claim 65. (New) The chimeric molecule according to Claim 64, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of an antigenic epitope, glutathione-S-transferase, thioredoxin, and antibody.

Claim 66. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of Claim 61, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.